

**Improving Education for All Nevadans**

Education has always been at the heart of achievement in America. As someone whose life was transformed by education, I know first hand the importance of giving every child in Nevada and the nation a quality education. I am fighting for an agenda that will help Nevada schools address their unique needs as they work to provide a quality education and improve student achievement. There is no better investment for our nation's future than creating world-class schools. For more information on specific education issues, please click on one of the links/categories below.

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**Providing a Quality Education**

Our children's future depends on a quality education. As parents, teachers, administrators and lawmakers, it is our job to give every child a proper foundation for learning. Since Nevada welcomes more than 6,000 families a month, we must work together to make sure our schools can provide meaningful opportunities for every child.

**Fulfilling Our Promise to Our Children**

The President has not devoted the funding that was promised by the "No Child Left Behind" law. This has caused good schools to be labeled as failing and puts pressure on students and teachers to focus on passing standardized tests instead of engaging in other subjects like history, art, and music. I had the opportunity to meet with all of Nevada's superintendents, and to hear about the needs of K-12 schools in their communities. I will continue to fight for expanded education programs for gifted and talented students, English-language learners, children with disabilities, and professional development for teachers.

**Attracting More Great Teachers**

Our children deserve great teachers in every classroom. As the fastest-growing state in the nation, Nevada has a tremendous need for additional qualified teachers. I worked to bring Teach for America, a nonprofit group committed to educational equality, and the Clark County School District together to identify a plan of action. I am pleased to say that 100 new teachers will be added to the ranks by 2005. This is a great example of how the public sector and private groups can work together to improve our schools.

**Keeping the Door to College Open**

College is the door to opportunity, and it should be open to any student who is willing to work hard. Today that door is slamming shut for many working and middle class families. These families are being squeezed between rising college costs and cuts in federal aid to students. President Bush wants to cut aid even further, but I think that's a bad idea. I support programs that encourage and increase the number of students from low-income or disadvantaged backgrounds to identify the tools they need to help them achieve a higher education. Many of the programs I support also provide college scholarships to these young men and women, a key component in helping them reach their goals.

**Working with Nevadans**

I work in Nevada whenever the Senate is not in session, but it is difficult for me to meet with every person who is involved in the effort to improve our schools. That's why I have been visiting parents, teachers, students, and PTA members around Nevada via satellite – I call it the "Capitol to Classroom Tour." I have the opportunity to have real-time conversations and exchange ideas on current affairs like foreign relations or federal support for key education programs. I always enjoy hearing from Nevadans and welcome the opportunity to meet with you in your school community in the near future.

**Community Partnership**

I have worked closely with community organizations to bring opportunities to Nevada's young people. This year I co-sponsored legislation to expand the Special Olympics and Boys and Girls Club of Nevada. I support the work these and other organizations do in engaging children in productive and rewarding activities.

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